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St. Louis Audubon Society Annual Banquet

Friday, April 8th

Kenn Kaufman, Author and Birder, Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to announce our 2005 Annual Banquet will be held in the Cheshire Inn's Palladium Room at 6300 Clayton on Friday, April 8th. Awards will be presented for Conservationist of the Year, Legislator of the Year and the Robert J. Terry Lifetime Achievement. A silent auction will be held, with proceeds directly benefiting the Society's conservation and education work around the region. Just a few of the items for bid include artwork, birding and photography gear, memberships and personal birding adventures. A complete listing and detailed description will be in a future newsletter and on our web-site, www.stlouisaudubon.org, by April 1st.

We are deeply honored to have Kenn Kaufman as our keynote speaker. Mr. Kaufman is a prolific author, including such works as the *Lives of North American Birds*, *Butterflies of North America* and *Kingbird Highway*; the latter about his adventures at age 16 hitchhiking across North America in pursuit of birds. He is the youngest person ever to receive the Ludlow Griscom Distinguished Birder Award, the highest honor of the American Birding Association. Further, Mr. Kaufman is a field editor for *Audubon* magazine and a regular contributor to nearly every major birding magazine.

5:30 p.m.-Business Meeting

6:00 p.m.-Cash Bar Opens, Silent Auction Starts

7:00 p.m.-Dinner Service

The business meeting is open to all, but only current SLAS members will be allowed to vote in the election of the Board of Directors. Feel free to skip the business portion and arrive during the social hour that starts at 6 p.m. The cost is just \$20 per person. Reservations are required-**please use the form on page 3 of this newsletter. Space is limited, so please register early to be sure you can enjoy this wonderful evening!**

The Cheshire Inn is near the intersection of Clayton and Skinker, just across Clayton Avenue and south of the giant Amoco station. To avoid traffic, suggest you approach from the west on Clayton. Parking is in front of the restaurant or in a garage just behind the hotel.

St. Louis Audubon Society

U.S. Forest Service Plan for Mark Twain National Forest

Ted Heisel

The U.S. Forest Service released on January 29th its proposed revision of the management plan for the Mark Twain National Forest. At 1.5 million acres, the Mark Twain is Missouri's largest public land holding and contains significant and diverse natural habitats. It is home to everything from songbirds, to Ozark hellbenders, to black bears.

The revised plan, when adopted, will direct the management of the forest for the next 10-15 years, making it vital that conservationists provide their input. The plan provides direction on such issues as timber cutting, mining, endangered species protection, wilderness preservation and ecological restoration. The entire forest is divided up into nine different "management prescriptions", each of which has its own emphasis. How many acres are allotted to each prescription, and the standards that define them, make up the heart of the plan. A copy of the draft plan can be viewed at the Mark Twain's web site:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain/>. The public will have a 90 day period in which to offer comments, running through May 5, 2005. You can submit your comments by mail, fax or email using the information below:

Content Analysis Team
Mark Twain Forest Plan Revision
P.O. Box 22810
Salt Lake City, UT 84122

Fax: 801-517-1014.

Email:
comments@marktwain.fs.fed.us.

President's Report

Dave Tylka

On the local scene, our chapter board is "all a buzz" about the upcoming St. Louis Audubon Annual Banquet on Friday, April 8. It's not every day that we have a chance to hear a nationally renowned nature speaker addressing our local members. If you haven't yet sent in your reservations to hear Kenn Kaufman, wait no longer because we have to cut off the reservations at 200. Combine the great speaker with a good meal at the Cheshire Inn's Palladium Room, a shortened business meeting with our first-ever silent auction during a cocktail hour, and you have the formula for a super evening. In fact, you may even be able to purchase a piece of nature art or outdoor gear and support the education and conservation efforts of St. Louis Audubon Society. If you have any last-minute contributions to the silent auction (framed artwork, framed photographs, or outdoor equipment), please contact Banquet Chair Mitch Leachman in the evening at 314/739-5112. Donors will be recognized for their tax-deductible contributions at the banquet, in our newsletter and on our website.

Also on the local scene, the Education Committee is seeking a small storage facility somewhere close to the I-270 corridor between highways 30 and 40. Members of this active committee give regular presentations to school classrooms, retirement facilities, etc. in the greater St. Louis area. Because they share educational materials and animal specimens, they frequently face long commuting times handing off the materials to the next presenter. If a central storage facility could be found near this corridor, it would certainly help this committee. If you are aware of any potential small storage place that serves this purpose, please call Sharon Nickl at 636/391-8751.

At the national level, the National Audubon Society Ad Hoc Committee on Chapter-National Relations released their summary of recommendations. According to this summary, the "dues share" is no more, but will be replaced with chapter "baseline funding." The amount of "baseline funding" money sent to the chapters will be at the same level that was sent to the chapters under the latest reduced dues share formula, commonly called the safety net level. Other monies will be available to chapters for collaborative projects. And finally, National Audubon and each chapter may withhold certain membership names if they are being cultivated for special purposes. For this one-page summary and also what our chapter's recommendations were to this Ad Hoc Committee, go to our chapter website, www.stlouisaudubon.org. If you would like to download a copy of this summary to decipher, go to www.sawmillriveraudubon.org/comments/AdHocSummary.rtf.

And finally, our hearts go out to our chapter's first president, Marshall Magner. His dear wife and adventure partner Ernestine passed away in late December. Heaven is indeed richer with her addition.



Tracking Swan Migration at Riverlands

John Solodar

There were 87 Trumpeter Swans on Ellis Bay on the afternoon of January 25. The day was very pleasant with no wind, comfortable temperatures, partial ice melt in the bay and the sun at my back for good viewing of the birds. The swans were very close on the sand bar opposite Wise Road, and I soon realized that I could read the swans' neck bands very clearly through my telescope. Andy Forbes, Missouri State Ornithologist, had posted a request on MOBirds for a list of any neck bands seen to aid wildlife researchers who are trying to track the migration of Trumpeter Swans.

The neckbands were either black numbers on yellow or gold numbers on green. With some patience I was able to record the neckbands of 15 swans although there was uncertainty about one very difficult number with a green background. When I arrived home I sent Forbes a list of the numbers by e-mail.

Andy first sent the list to Iowa DNR, but none of the birds were theirs. We hit pay dirt when the list was forwarded to Wisconsin. The results were very useful to the researchers and the histories of some of the birds were quite interesting. Below I have given some of the more interesting highlights from the note sent by Patricia Manthey, Avian Ecologist, Bureau of Endangered Resources, Wisconsin DNR. Three of the neck bands were green, indicated in her note, the others were yellow.

"What a treasure of collar numbers! Most are from Wisconsin, including all the yellow ones. The green ones, so hard to read, start out with white letters, but they get stained. Your reports are extremely interesting because they reveal some new patterns of migration

40EGrn is of UP origin, but he got injured and re-released in Wisconsin as a potential mate for a widowed female.

They bred in 2003, at Totogatic Lake in Bayfield Co WI, produced 6 cygnets. The female failed to return in spring, but 40E and some of the previous year's cygnets (two of which --01A and 06A -- are on your list!) came back to a nearby lake.

50TGrn must be misread because that bird was found dead this summer. Those green collars can be SO impossible, which is why we went back to black on yellow!

E88 We never get to ID this bird in summer because she nests on a remote location on the Bad River Indian Reservation in Ashland County WI. We know birds nest there, but haven't had a positive ID for years. We assume this bird is nesting there still. She was produced in our captive-rearing program, from an egg collected in the wild in Alaska in 1994. She was released on Bad River in 1996. We got a report that they fledged 3 cygnets this year, none of them have collars.

P29 Female, hatched 2001 at Edies Creek in Ashland Co WI. This family traditionally goes to W Alton and beyond.

P60 and P72 Females, hatched 2002 at Upper Ninemile Lake in Vilas County.

These are a surprise. This family usually winters at Shawano, WI. Apparently they've met up with other swans who showed them the way to West Alton.

P86 Male, hatched in 2002 at Reisinger Flowage, Crex Meadows. This may be the first Crex swan to be recorded at W. Alton. His family usually goes to Indiana.

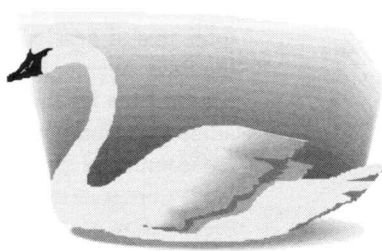
X66 and X79, Males, hatched 1998 at Chippewa Lake, Bayfield Co WI. This family is known to go to W Alton.

Z35 Male, hatched 2002 at Hay Lake, Iron Co WI

H48 Female, hatched at Little Turtle Flowage in Iron CO WI in 2000.

P70. She's another 2002 female from Upper Ninemile Lake.

78EGrn I think is of Michigan Upper peninsula origin.



Annual Banquet Registration Form

Please mail this form or a copy with payment to:

Mitch Leachman, 2728 Lakeport Drive, Maryland Heights, MO 63043

Make checks payable to St. Louis Audubon Society.

Name(s)

\$20.00 x _____ = _____
Fee No. Total Enclosed

Entrée Choices, Please Select One Per Person

London Broil _____ Chicken Marsala _____ Pasta Primavera _____

Forest 44 Conservation Area and Buder Park Field trip report

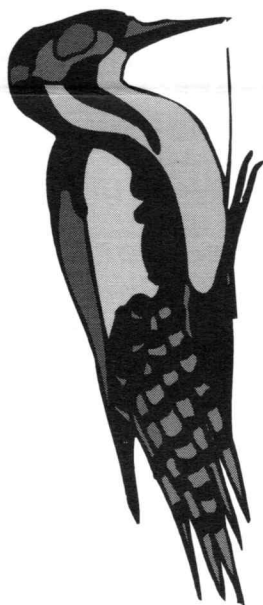
Mike Thelen

We started at 8:00am under cloudy skies with light snow; the temperature was 35F. Thirteen people birded the SLAS field trip this morning, despite the wind, cold and snow. 35 species seen for this half-day trip, including one BALD EAGLE fly-by at the Forest 44 C.A. parking lot, plus 4 RED-TAILED HAWKS performing an aerial ballet over the Meramec River.

Do BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEES make it south to the Forest 44 C.A. area? One chickadee was seen with much white on the wing coverts and secondary edges; extensive buffy wash on the sides and flanks; and, sounded lower and slower than Carolinas.

Trip List::

Canada Goose
Mallard
Northern Pintail
Bald Eagle
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk? (heard-only; not confirmed)
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel
Falcon, small, sp.
Killdeer
Ring-billed Gull
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove
Belted Kingfisher
Red-bellied Woodpecker
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Downy Woodpecker
Pileated Woodpecker
Blue Jay
American Crow
Chickadee, sp.
White-breasted Nuthatch
Carolina Wren
Eastern Bluebird
American Robin
Northern Mockingbird
European Starling
Northern Cardinal
American Tree Sparrow
Song Sparrow
Swamp Sparrow
White-throated Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Red-winged Blackbird
American Goldfinch
House Sparrow
Eurasian Tree Sparrow



Wetland Restoration in St. Louis County Expansion Plans for Little Creve Coeur Marsh

*Mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. at
the Creve Coeur Community Center.*

Chris M. Ludwig, Project Manager, Saint Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation will discuss the Master Plan, the impact of the Page Avenue Extension and future "passive use" developments related to this area.

Little Creve Coeur Marsh, having been formed as an oxbow of the Missouri River, is essentially the last sizable natural wetland left in Saint Louis County. This important ecosystem will be expanded to a total area of nearly 700 acres as a result of mitigation requirements from the Page Avenue Extension. In connection with the development of the Master Plan for this area, Saint Louis County Parks created a citizen advisory committee with representatives from many of the nature and environmental groups in the Saint Louis area. All those interested in wetlands conservation or ecology should attend this meeting and hear about the exciting plans for the area.

This is our first joint meeting with the local chapter of the North American Butterfly Association, so you will have twice the people to meet and twice the opportunities to discover. The meeting is open to all, members or not.

From I-270 and Ladue, go east on Ladue, left at the light at New Ballas, go 1/2 mile north to the Creve Coeur Government Center at 300 N. New Ballas. The community center's multi-purpose room is on the ground level in the northwest corner.

Questions, call Mitch Leachman at 314-739-5112.

Audubon Society of Missouri Spring Meeting April 22- 24, 2005

Everyone is invited to a fun weekend of birding and good fellowship at the Audubon Society of Missouri's spring meeting in Springfield, MO hosted by Greater Ozarks Audubon Society. Friday evening will feature a champagne and cheese reception and live raptors on display from the Dickerson Park Zoo. Field trips on Saturday and Sunday, focusing on spring migrants and Prairie Chickens, will take us to a variety of locations in southwest Missouri: Schell-Osage/Aldrich Conservation Areas, Fellow's Lake, McCraw's Ford, Valley Water Mill, Lockwood Area, Ritter Springs Park, Roaring River State Park, Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, and the Dickerson Park Zoo. The Saturday evening banquet will feature speaker Douglas Ladd, Director of Conservation Science for the Missouri Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. There will be opportunities to purchase tickets for drawings, including a weekend at Big Cedar Lodge.

For more information and a registration form, visit the Audubon Society of Missouri website at www.mobirds.org, see the registration material in the March 2005 issue of The Bluebird (ASM's quarterly publication), or contact ASM President Sue Gustafson at 314-968-8128 or Greater Ozarks Audubon Treasurer Myra Scroggs at 417-883-4015 to request registration materials.

SLAS Birding Trips for March and April 2005

John Solodar

March 12, Saturday - Busch Conservation Area, Annual Woodcock and Owl Prowl. This trip starts at 4:30 pm at the Hampton Lake parking area. This is always a fun time as we look for owls early on and then head to an area where we expect to see woodcocks do their mating call and flight. This occurs just as dusk is turning into darkness. Torrey Berger and Josh Uffman will lead this trip.

March 26, Saturday - Riverlands and Horseshoe Lake. This trip starts at 8:00 AM from Riverlands and then moves on to Horseshoe Lake in Illinois. There is a good chance of hitting the new Confluence Park as well. Trip leaders will be Paul Bauer and Pat Lueders. We suggest bringing an FRS radio if you have one.

April 16, Saturday - Castlewood State Park. This is the first of our long string of spring trips aimed at the large group of migrant warblers, thrushes, tanagers, icterids, etc., which come through over the next few weeks. Castlewood always gives us lots of good birds so join Mike Brady and John Solodar on this half day walk at 8:00 AM.

April 23, Saturday - BK Leach and Prairie Slough. These two areas are still relatively new to most St. Louis area birders, but they are good spots and worth exploring. Join Dave Rogles and Torrey Berger starting at 8:00 AM at B.K. Leach.

April 30, Saturday - This is an all day trip starting at Shaw Nature Reserve and going on to Robertsville State Park. It starts at 7:30 AM as we are almost at the peak of warbler migration

and want to utilize as much of the morning daylight as possible. Shaw is a great place for birding with a variety of habitats and Robertsville is attractive for Henslow's sparrows in some areas. Leaders are Connie Alwood and John Solodar.

How to get there

B.K. Leach. From I-70 in St. Charles County, MO, take Hwy 79 north through Winfield and into Foley. About 4.5-5.0 miles north of Foley turn right onto County Rd M with signs to B.K. Leach on Hwy 79 at this turn. Follow M until you see sign for B.K. Leach and road turning right. Meet at this intersection.

Busch Conservation Area Take U.S. 40/I-64 west into St. Charles County. Take Hwy 94 south from U.S. 40 about 1 mile to Hwy D. Turn right and go about 1.5 miles to the entrance on the right. Turn left at the "T" to Hampton Lake and meet in the parking lot. For trips using a H.Q. starting point turn right at the "T".

Castlewood State Park. Take Big Bend west from I-270 for about 6 miles. Turn left on Ries Road. Follow Ries to its termination, then turn left into the Park. Park in lot on right just before the first small stream.

Riverlands. Take Hwy 367 north from I-270. The designation changes to Hwy 67 just beyond the 4th traffic light, but continue. Turn right on last road just before the Clark Bridge at the Mississippi River. (Fisca gas station at this turn.) Turn right on the first road and park in the Teal Pond parking lot.

Shaw Nature Reserve - I-44 west from I-270 to Gray Summit (Hwy 100). Cross over I-44 on Hwy 100. Follow Hwy 100 one block to entrance. (Entrance fee \$3.00 per person.)

WGNSS Birding Trips

Thursdays February-April

8:30 AM at Des Peres Park on Ballas, one block n. of Manchester. Call Jackie Chain, 314-644-5998.

Saturday March 5 8 AM WGNSS "Where the Birds Are." Parking lot of HQ of Co. Library, Lindbergh, south of 40. Meet on north side. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Saturday March 12 8 AM Riverlands, meet at Teal Pond with David Becher, 576-1146.

Sunday March 13 8:00 AM Horseshoe Lake with Frank Holmes and Jim Ziebol. Meet at the causeway.

Saturday March 19, & 26 8 AM WGNSS "Where the Birds Are." Parking lot of HQ of Co. Library, Lindbergh, south of 40. Meet on north side. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Saturday April 2 & 16 & May 28 8 AM WGNSS "Where the Birds Are." Parking lot of HQ of Co. Library, Lindbergh, south of 40. Meet on north side. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Saturday April 9 8 AM Busch Wildlife Area, meet at Hampton Lake. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Sunday April 17 8 AM Castlewood Park with Sherry McCowan, meet at headquarters.

Saturday April 23 8 AM WGNSS Tower Grove Park. Meet at Gus Fogt site, just west of stable. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Saturday April 30 8 AM Castlewood. Meet at boat ramp. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Saturday May 7 8 AM Weldon Springs Wildlife Area, Lost Valley Hiking Trail. Route D in St. Charles Co. west of Busch Wildlife. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

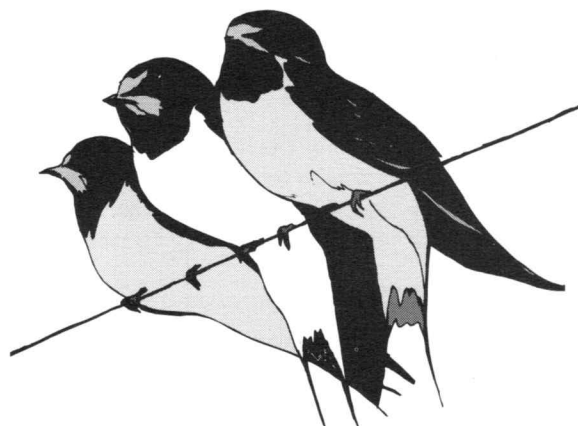
Saturday May 14 Big Day.

Sunday May 15 8 AM Riverlands with Torrey Berger at headquarters.

Saturday May 21 8 AM Shaw Nature Reserve (Arboretum). Meet at Brush Creek Trail. Bring lunch. David Becher 576-1146.

Sunday May 22 8 AM Tower Grove Park with Sherry McCowan at Bird Garden.

Sunday May 29 8 AM Busch CA with Tom Parmeter at Hampton Lake.



Owl invasion lures Missouri birders to Minnesota

Jack Cowan



A small black object strutted along up ahead on the snow-packed road. The jerky, windup toy movements and head bobbing were those of a chicken. But what chicken would venture out in winter along a road in the Superior National Forest?

"Spruce Grouse," came the cry from inside our van as three or four people shouted in unison. Patrick Harrison hit the brakes. We slid to a stop. Terry McNeeley, driving the van ahead of us, was already sliding to a stop. He had been the first one to see the bird.

The radio crackled that the birders in the front van were getting out. As the first birder peeked around the edge of the front van, the grouse stood straight and leaned toward the front van. When the second birder appeared, the grouse jumped into the air and whirled off into the forest.

The grouse wasn't a universal life bird for the 10 Missouri birders, but it was close. Kathleen Anderson, Connie Cooper, Jack Cowan, Dency Kahn, Jean Leonatti, Pat Lueders, Terry McNeeley and Mike Thelen checked off the bird. Lisa Francis and Patrick Harrison had seen the species before. Mike Grant and his mother, Joan, who joined us for two days, also had seen the bird before.

The spruce grouse was one of 34 species seen during three days of scouring St. Louis and Lake counties for northern specialties that included Great Gray Owl and Northern Hawk Owls. The two owl species had invaded Northern Minnesota in unprecedented numbers, and lured the 10 Missourians north to bird the area from Dec. 30 to Jan. 1.

Enough birders have made the pilgrimage to Sax-Zim this winter that residents of the area regard them as pests. Mike Hendrickson, our guide, told us the residents prefer to be left alone. They resent birders who block their roads to gawk and invade their privacy by focusing binoculars and spotting scopes at bird feeders in front of their houses.

One resident made his views abundantly clear by posting a sign that said, "No Trespassing. Retired U.S. Marine sniper. Trespassers will be Violated."

Not all the residents were soured by the birders. For example, the owner of the Moose Café in Isabella happily let us park on his lot and search the bird and deer feeders he had set up across the road from his tavern. Mike, our guide, found two Hoary Redpolls among the dozens of Redpolls and Pine Grosbeaks at the feeders. In appreciation, our party left about \$50 on the bar.

Mike took our group to a private home where the homeowner had feeders set up in the backyard. The feeders were jammed with Common Redpolls and Pine Siskins. As the first birders filtered into the yard, a male Evening Grosbeak flew to a nearby tree.

We failed Friday at Two Harbors to find a Boreal Owl that had been seen there. We searched diligently in a pine grove behind the Lighthouse Bed and Breakfast on Lighthouse Point. We returned to the Sax-Zim Bog on Saturday and after a careful

search along the roads, Mike coaxed out two Boreal Chickadees on County Road 52 near Owl Avenue.

(No, I'm not kidding. Owl Avenue is a real name for a road in the bog.)

Saturday was arguably our best day in the bog. By day's end, we had tallied 24 Great Gray Owls, 12 Northern Hawk Owls, 5 Ruffed Grouse, an estimated 125 Snow Buntings, 2 Northern Shrikes, more than 20 Ravens, about 50 Pine Grosbeaks, 18 Bohemian Waxwings, more than 100 Common Redpolls, three Crows and one Bluejay.

Everyone on the trip came back with a life bird. Jack Cowan had the most with 14; Mike Thelen added two birds to his list, Great Gray Owl and Spruce Grouse. Mike Grant also added two birds, Northern Hawk Owl and Bohemian Waxwing. Mike Thelen and Pat Lueders were sharp-eyed enough to spot a Black-billed Magpie in a tree along the interstate in southern Minnesota.

We began our first day of birding in northern Minnesota driving all day through rain that turned to ice as soon as it hit the cold ground. We started home in Sunday's early morning darkness driving on highways still being cleared of the snow that hit Duluth the afternoon before.

The weather was atrocious; the birding was great.

The Green Center hosts poetry reading March 20

St. Louis poets will read works celebrating the natural world and exploring one's relationship to it at The Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave., at 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 20. The event kicks-off National Poetry Month in April.

As society becomes more commercialized and industrialized, poetry calls us to meditate on a world that we have not paved, domed, tamed, packaged, or genetically reengineered, says reading organizer Bob Lowes of University City. "Two centuries ago, William Wordsworth warned us in a famous sonnet that in all our getting and spending, we are out of tune with nature-it no longer moves us," says Lowes. "Poetry, however, can restore our relationship to the created order-crows, meteor showers, and snow crystals in all their cathedral-like glory."

Published poets who will read their works on March 20 include Lowes, Amy DeBrecht, and Judith Stix, with more poets to be announced later. A chapbook of poems by Stix titled *City of Birds* will be on sale at the reading. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free. For more information, call the Green Center at (314) 725-8314 or send an e-mail to classes@thegreencenter.org.

Founded in 1998, the Green Center is a non-profit organization where members of the greater St. Louis community can gather to explore the connection between nature and culture in a healthy society.

Field Trip Report from Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area

Josh Uffman

On February 5, 2005, Mike Grant and I led a group of 18 participants around Riverlands Environmental Demonstration Area, St. Charles County. It was a beautiful day to be out with temperatures in the 50's!! We all met at the Teal Pond parking lot at 1PM. Almost immediately about 45 Snow Geese flew over as if on cue to begin the day. From there we did a bit of 4 wheel driving through the muddy roads back to the Edward and Pat Jones Confluence SP. Although no good birds were produced in that area, many saw the confluence for the first time. Hopefully that made up for all of their mud covered cars and trucks.

Only 39 species of birds were observed for the day. However, some great highlights were observed once we made our way back from the confluence to Riverlands Way:

Ellis Bay across from Heron Pond:

2-female LONG TAILED DUCKS, these birds were very far out and diving a lot... thanks to Charlene Malone and the WGNSS group for letting us know they were still there or I think we easily would have given up and moved on. A few returning migrants observed in the bay included Redheads and Ring Necked Ducks. Another migrant was observed late in the day, a male Northern Shoveler at Pintail Marsh.

Clark Bridge Tower:

1-PEREGRINE FALCON, sitting on the middle rung of the rail that wraps around the top of the tower. Many in the group became "believers" after finally seeing this bird for the first time, having previously searched this same spot to no avail...

Orton Road Parking Lot:

1-Adult female richardsonii race MERLIN perched in the tree right next to parking lot. Allowed for for pretty decent looks before it decided to fly north.

Heron Pond:

I believe 47 Trumpeter Swans were counted and the 1-TUNDRA SWAN was seen by all! Thanks to Dave Becher for making us aware of this birds presence. There were also many Greater White Fronted Geese present on Heron Pond.

A few of us stuck around until dark hoping for Short Eared Owls or to observe the Great Horned Owls that hang out behind Heron Pond--but we had no luck with either species...

BOTANICAL GARDEN AND ZOO DISPLAYS FEATURE RARE, ENDANGERED BIRDS

WHAT: Paintings of rare endangered birds (Cracidae)
by artist Nigel Hughes
Special displays of two cracid bird species
WHERE: Artwork: Missouri Botanical Garden, 4344 Shaw Blvd.
Bird displays: St. Louis Zoo, Forest Park
WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 26 through Sunday, Apr. 10, 2005
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (Garden and Zoo)
COST: Garden \$7 adults, \$5 seniors; St. Louis City/County \$3
adults, \$1.50 seniors; free for age 12 and under
Zoo admission free to all
INFO: www.mobot.org / www.stlzoo.org

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Attention!

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For joint membership in St. Louis Audubon Society and National Audubon Society, Make checks payable to **National Audubon Society** and mail to St. Louis Audubon Society, P. O. Box 220227, Kirkwood, MO 63122.

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